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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 3, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Andres Guadalupe Torres was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by the Honorable Larry A. Burns to serve nine years (108 months) in custody, based on Torres' conviction for importation of methamphetamine. Judge Burns also ordered that Torres serve a five-year term of supervised release following the completion of his prison term. Torres must also pay a \$100 special assessment.

According to court records, Torres' conviction arises from his arrest at the Calexico, California, East Port of Entry on November 16, 2007, where he was the registered owner, sole occupant and driver of a vehicle that contained 6.57 kilograms/14.45 pounds of actual methamphetamine concealed in the passenger doors.

This case stems from an investigation conducted by agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, agents from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and officers from the Imperial County Narcotics Task Force.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07CR2203-LAB

ANDRES GUADALUPE TORRES

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960 (Importation of Methamphetamine)

AGENCIES

Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Customs and Border Protection
Imperial County Narcotics Task Force